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*Ninth Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.—August, 1839.*

THE British Association for the Advancement of Science held its ninth meeting at Birmingham during the week commencing on the 26th August. In accordance with the regulations of that body established last year,\* the Council of the Statistical Society of London nominated, on behalf of the Society, three of its Fellows, viz., Thomas Tooke, Esq., F.R.S., Wm. Felkin, Esq., and David Urquhart, Esq., as delegates to the General Committee of the Association.

The following new regulations were adopted on the recommendation of the Council:—

1st. That an admission fee of 1*l.* be required from all members admitted as annual subscribers at future meetings, in addition to their annual subscription of 1*l.*; the composition of life members to remain at 5*l.*

2nd. That every member, new and old alike, have the option of paying 5*l.* as a fixed book subscription, entitling him to receive a copy of the volumes published after the date of such subscription.

3rd. That all recommendations of grants of money, requests for special researches, and reports on scientific subjects be submitted to the Committee of Recommendations, and not taken into consideration by the General Committee, unless previously recommended by the Committee of Recommendations.

The Statistical Section met on Monday, with the following gentlemen for its Officers and Committee:—

*President*,—Henry Hallam, Esq., F.S.S., &c.

*Vice-Presidents*,—Sir C. Lemon, Bart., M.P., F.S.S., &c.; G. R. Porter, Esq., F.S.S., &c.

*Secretaries*,—Francis Clark, Esq., F.S.S.; Rawson W. Rawson, Esq., F.S.S.; W. Cook Taylor, L.L.D., F.S.S.

*Committee*,—Rev. Thos. Arnold, D.D.; G. Barker, Esq.; Rev. Jas. Bradshaw; Major-General Briggs, F.S.S.; the Chevalier Bünsen; Joseph Corrie, Esq.; the Earl of Dartmouth; Professor Fallati; Wm. Felkin, Esq., F.S.S.; C. B. Fripp, Esq.; W. R. Greg, Esq., F.S.S.; J. Kingsley, Esq.; Wm. Langton, Esq.; Professor Lipsius; the Mayor of Birmingham; Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart.; E. W. Pendarves, Esq., M.P., F.S.S.; F. Scheer, Esq.; Thos. Tooke, Esq., F.S.S.; Professor Tucker; W. L. Wharton, Esq.; J. Wickenden, Esq.

The following papers were read before the section:—

\* See vol. i. p. 321.

*Monday, 26th August.*

1. Contributions to the Educational Statistics of Birmingham. By a Local Committee.\*
2. Suggestions in favour of the Systematic Collection of Agricultural Statistics. By G. R. Porter, Esq., F.R.S., &c. (Page 291.)
3. Report on the State of the Working Classes in part of the County of Rutland. By the Statistical Society of Manchester. (Page 297.)

*Tuesday, 27th August.*

1. Report on the State of Education in the County of Rutland. By the Statistical Society of Manchester. (Page 303.)
2. An Inquiry into the Criminal Statistics of England and Wales. By Rawson W. Rawson, Esq. (Page 316.)

*Wednesday, 28th August.*

1. A Comparative View of Crime in various Districts of England and Wales. By Rawson W. Rawson, Esq. (Page 334.)
2. An Account of the Circulating Libraries in the Town of Kingston-upon-Hull. By the Statistical Society of Manchester.\*

*Thursday, 29th August.*

1. Report on the Statistics of the Collieries in the North of England. By a Committee of the British Association, appointed at Newcastle. (Page 345.)
2. Contributions to the Commercial Statistics of Birmingham. By a Local Committee.\*
3. Contributions to Academical Statistics. By Professor the Rev. Baden Powell.\*
4. Report on the State of the Working Classes in Bristol. By the Statistical Society of Bristol. (Page 368.)
5. Contributions to the Medical Statistics of Birmingham. By a Local Committee.\*

On Friday the Section did not meet.

It will be seen, from the above list, that contributions to three important branches of the statistics of Birmingham have been made by a local committee, which was appointed expressly to collect such information to be presented to the Association. When those papers appear in a future number of the Journal, it will be found that they are not only copious, but very valuable, and confer great credit upon the zeal and industry of the parties by whom they were collected and prepared. It is to be hoped that the example thus set at Birmingham will be followed in all the towns which the Association may in future visit, and that the announcement of its approach may serve as a signal for the appointment of a Committee to collect such information, to be laid at its meeting before the Statistical Section. The Association will thus both sow and reap knowledge at each of its visits. There is reason to believe that similar preparations will be made at Glasgow, and especially with regard to the branch of Medical Statistics.

The Committee of the Statistical Section offered recommendations for three grants of money for the prosecution of statistical inquiries during the ensuing year; but it is much to be regretted that only the first was sanctioned by the Committee of Recommendations.

1. £100 for continuing inquiries into the actual state of schools in England. The Committee to consist of Sir C. Lemon, Bart., M.P., H. Hallam, Esq., and G. R. Porter, Esq. (Granted.)
2. £150 for continuing inquiries into the state of the working classes of England. To Sir C. Lemon, Bart., M.P., H. Hallam, Esq., and G. R. Porter, Esq. (Rejected.)
3. £50 for an Inquiry into the Linen Trade of the North of Ireland. To Capt. Portlock, R.E., Professor Stevelly, and the Rev. Jas. Bradshaw. (Rejected.)

The next meeting of the Association will take place at Glasgow, on the 17th September, 1840.

\* To appear in a future Number.